Tacoma gets expanded health-care facilities

More personalized hospital care was promised yesterday when Tacoma General Hospital dedicated its new Fannie C. Paddock Memorial Patient Care Pavilion. The $17.5-million structure is shown above extending across J Street to the right of the old hospital. Emphasis in the new wing will be on improved maternity care, along with availability of private rooms for those who want or need to be isolated from other patients. More than 400 people attended the dedication ceremonies and open house that followed. Story, Page A-3.

Staff photo by Warren Anderson

support of "Project Wordocide"

"Would you please advise your readers that nominations for the 'Word Murder of the Month' are being received at UPS.

"Each word nominated will be judged by a jury consisting of such eminent wordsmiths as Prof. Richard Hodges; Joan Lynott, director of public relations; Mary Webber, director of university publications; and this humble reader. .

"The contestant whose word is chosen will receive a handsome certificate appointing him or her as the 'UPS Wordsmith of the Month' and affirming that the word chosen will be ruthlessly exterminated.

"Under the rules of 'Project Wordocide,' no words will be returned — because of their distasteful natures, and because those who nominated the words could not conceivably want them back.

"Under current consideration is one of Dr. Henry Kissinger's favorite words, 'exacerbate,' because it is unwieldy and also sounds dirty. Other nominations may be sent to Burt Wallace, vice president, UPS, Tacoma, 98416."

Kids who exacerbate sometimes matriculate!

Well, we held a seminar on "Project Wordocide" the other day in a back booth at Trader John's, and added a dimension or two, as I recall. (My notes seem to be in my other pants.)

I remember Burt suggesting that as a word is finally laid to rest, it will make room for a new, worthwhile word which we can add to the language.

Sources in the department say the administration's support of family planning as an alternative to abortion will be evident in President Carter's budget proposals, which will call for increased funding of birth control programs.

In a weekend interview, his first since taking office, Califano was asked why he is opposed to abortion and federal financing of abortions under Medicaid for the poor.

"Well, I'm sure it's for a personally held moral view," he said. "It's obviously a reflection of religious belief" and ethics. "The moment at which life begins is something on which people in this country disagree . . . . There's a tremendous amount of study going on right now on that issue."

Califano has suggested family planning as one alternative to abortion. He was asked how family planning, particularly using artificial birth control

Sergeant killed in Fairchild AFB shootout

SPOKANE (AP) — A staff sergeant was killed and another man wounded early today during a two-hour shooting spree at Fairchild Air Force base near here, officials announced.

Base spokesman Ed Neunherst said the sergeant, whose identity is being withheld pending notification of relatives, barricaded himself in a barracks about 10:40 p.m. Sunday and later fired shots into a parking lot, but no one was injured.

About 1 a.m. today, the sergeant

about the fetus and about what creates, what causes or what endangers that fetus in growing into a healthy child. And we should invest more funds in that kind of research."

At present, HEW is financing abortions for poor women on Medicaid under a federal court order. Congress passed a law last year that attempted to prohibit that funding, but a judge in New York ruled that the law was unconstitutional. The department has continued funding abortions while the case is being appealed.

On other issues discussed during the interview, Califano said:

- It would be "reprehensible" for hospitals to increase their charges before the Carter administration's planned cost control measures go into effect, probably later this year.
- He would like the power to penalize school administrators who violate civil rights laws but, lacking that tool, will cut off federal funds if necessary to end race and sex discrimination.
- He has "absolutely no objections" to busing school children and wishes Congress would give him more flexibility to use busing as a means of desegregating schools.
- He says he made a mistake by deciding not to put any welfare recipients or their representatives on his interagency task force on welfare reform. He reversed that decision after welfare rights groups and employees of his own department protested.
- President Carter, "at least through these early weeks of the administration, has more than lived up to his pledge of letting his cabinet (officers) run their own departments."
- He doesn't know as much about sex discrimination as about racial discrim-

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